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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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EP 0716860, GB 2146405, and EP 0204311
- d. ☐ the concise explanation contained in the specification of the present application at page ,
- e. ☐ the concise explanation set forth in the attached English language abstract,
- f. ☒ the concise explanation set forth below or on a separate sheet attached to the reference:
EP 0716860 corresponds to US 2001/003150, USP 6,027,482, USP 6,190,364, and USP 5,624,402
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Respectfully submitted,

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